

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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said drive means, a second coding means mounted on said delivery roller, for measuring an angular displacement of said delivery roller, and processing means for calculating, from said measurements of angular displacement, a remaining length of said continuous tape of labels.

2. (Amended) The tape dispenser of Claim 1, wherein said processing means comprises means for calculating and controlling a display of different thresholds corresponding respectively to 100%, 75%, 50%, 25% and 0% of said remaining length of tape.

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7. (Amended) Label tape dispenser for a franking machine comprising a delivery roller on which a continuous tape of labels is wound, drive means for conveying said tape along a dispenser conveying path from said delivery roller towards a label inlet of the franking machine, first means for measuring a displacement of said drive means, second means for measuring a displacement of said delivery roller and processing means for determining a remaining length of said continuous tape of labels from said first and second displacement measuring means.

[Please add new claim 8, as follows:]

8. (New) The tape dispenser of Claim 1, wherein said remaining length of the continuous tape of labels corresponds to a ratio of said angular displacements measured by the first and second coding means.